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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY,)
ARIZONA GAS DIVISION, FOR A HEARING TO)
DETERMINE THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS)
PROPERTIES FOR RATEMAKING PURPOSES,)
TO FIX A JUST AND REASONABLE RATE OF)
RETURN THEREON, AND TO APPROVE RATE)
SCHEDULED DESIGNED TO PROVIDE SUCH)
RATE OF RETURN.)

DOCKET NO. G-01032C-02-0598

Application for Leave to Intervene

Pursuant to A.A.C. R-14-3-105 and for the reasons that follow, Southwest Gas Corporation ("Southwest") respectfully applies for an Order granting Southwest leave to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding.

Southwest is a public service corporation within the contemplation of § 2 of Article XV of the Arizona Constitution, and Southwest is certificated by the Commission to provide natural gas service in that capacity throughout various areas within the state of Arizona. Further, as a public service corporation, Southwest's rates and charges are subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, and the rates and charges authorized for Southwest are established by the Commission in general rate cases such as the above-captioned proceeding.

As a practical matter, Commission policies and precedent regarding ratemaking-related issues, such as rate design in particular, are formulated and modified from time to time in the context of general rate cases. It is for that reason, *inter alia*, that Southwest has a direct and substantial interest in the proceeding.

Southwest's intervention would not result in having the issues in the above-captioned proceeding unduly broadened for the reason that Southwest's participation would be limited solely to issues bearing directly on the determination of fair value, the establishment of just and reasonable rates and the development of rate schedules *designed* to provide an opportunity to earn a fair rate of return.

Southwest requests that communications in connection with this proceeding be directed to:

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 16th day of January, 2003.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing **Application for Leave to**

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Dated this 16th day of January, 2003

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